

House Bill 978

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 2 of Chapter 14 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
2 relating to speed detection devices, so as to repeal the requirement that applications for the
3 use of speed detection devices name the roads on which such devices are to be used; to repeal
4 the requirement that vehicles using speed detection devices be visible for a distance of at
5 least 500 feet; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other
6 purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 Article 2 of Chapter 14 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
10 speed detection devices, is amended by revising subsection (a) of Code Section 40-14-3,
11 relating to application for permit, as follows:

12 "(a) A county sheriff, county or municipal governing authority, or the president of a
13 college or university may apply to the Department of Public Safety for a permit to
14 authorize the use of speed detection devices for purposes of traffic control within such
15 counties, municipalities, colleges, or universities on streets, roads, and highways, ~~provided~~
16 ~~that such application shall name the street or road on which the device is to be used and the~~
17 ~~speed limits on such street or road shall have been approved by the Office of Traffic~~
18 ~~Operations of the Department of Transportation. Law enforcement agencies are authorized~~
19 ~~to use speed detection devices on streets and roads for which an application is pending as~~
20 ~~long as all other requirements for the use of speed detection devices are met. Nothing in~~
21 this subsection shall be construed to affect the provisions of Code Section 40-14-9."

22 **SECTION 2.**

23 Said article is further amended by revising Code Section 40-14-7, relating to visibility of
24 vehicle from which device is operated, as follows:

25 "40-14-7.

26 ~~No stationary speed detection device shall be employed by county, municipal, college, or~~
27 ~~university law enforcement officers where the vehicle from which the device is operated~~
28 ~~is obstructed from the view of approaching motorists or is otherwise not visible for a~~
29 ~~distance of at least 500 feet~~ Reserved."

30 **SECTION 3.**

31 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.